

METROPOLITAN DADE COUNTY
MEDICAL EXAMINER DEPARTMENT
NUMBER 1 ON BOB HOPE RD MIAMI, FLORIDA 33136 (305) 545-9400
INVESTIGATION REPORT

M.E. CASE NO. 89-0323 A
DATE JAN/30/89

STEWART, KIMBERLY (REMAINS, UNKNOWN)
31 BLACK FEMALE DOB JUL/14/57
570 WEST 24TH STREET, HIALEAH, FLORIDA

PLACE OF DEATH: REAR ALLEY : 445 W. 26 ST., HIALEAH, FLA.
TIME OF DEATH: FOUND 12:01PM JAN/30/89

INVESTIGATING AGENCY: HIALEAH #J 10494 / FLUTIE

INCIDENT LOCATION: REAR ALLEY: 445 W 26 ST., HIALEAH, FLA.
JAN/30/89 AM SCENE M.E. JOYE M. CARTER, M.D.

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DATE AND TIME OF INCIDENT: JAN 29, 1989 OR JAN.30,1989 - TIME: UNKNOWN.

CAUSE OF DEATH: HOMICIDE BY UNSPECIFIED MEANS. AMENDED BY J. H. DAVIS, M. D., CHIEF MEDICAL EXAMINER 6/19/89-DJM.

DEATH: HOMICIDE DATE AUTOPSY JAN/31/89 BY JOYE M. CARTER, M.D.

LAB: FOITIER (R)

JEB

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CAUSE OF DEATH: COCAINE INTOXICATION. REFILED: 4/19/89-DJM.

MANNER: ACCIDENT DATE AUTOPSY JAN/31/89 BY JOYE M. CARTER, M.D.

MORTUARY: POITIER (R) JEB

DADE COUNTY MEDICAL EXAMINER DEPARTMENT

CLASSIFICATION OF PENDING CASE

(THIS FORM IS TO BE USED BY A MEDICAL EXAMINER WHEN A PENDING CASE IS TO BE CLASSIFIED. MAKE CERTAIN THAT THERE IS AN APPROVAL BY EITHER THE CHIEF OR DEPUTY CHIEF MEDICAL EXAMINER BEFORE COMPLETING THE NECESSARY FORMS AND CERTIFICATES REQUIRED BY THE STATE.)

M.E. Case # 89-0323Name (if known) Stewart, KimberlyCause of Death: Cocaine Intoxication
(Item 24)

Due to:

Due to:

Contributory Cause:

Manner of Death: Accident
(Item 27a)How Incident Occurred: Victim ingested cocaine
(Item 27d)

Rationale for Classification:

Initially, the victim was unidentified and subsequently identified by fingerprints on file with MOPD.

The victim's past hospitalization records were found to contain history of cocaine abuse and recent child birth. Acquaintance of the victim also confirmed her abuse of drugs particularly "crack" cocaine and that she was homeless.

Autopsy findings were severe, massive pulmonary edema and endometritis. Toxicology was significant for cocaine 1.9 mg/L in the heart blood and benzoylfelcgonine 5.85 mg/L in blood. Also arrest record has multiple arrest for possession of cocaine and narcotic equipment.

Joyce M. Autio, M.D.
Medical ExaminerApril 5, 1989
M - D - Y
Date

Approved by

M. M. Autio
4/14/89

M - D - Y

Date

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CAUSE OF DEATH: PENDING FURTHER INVESTIGATION.

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30'S BLACK FEMALE DOB

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CAUSE OF DEATH: Pending further investigation

unclassified one

MANNER: HOMICIDE DATE: AUTOPSY: JAN/31/89 BY: JOYE M. CARTER, M.D.

MORTUARY:

WEB

DADE COUNTY MEDICAL EXAMINER DEPARTMENT, Miami, Florida

Name. STEWART, Kimberly.....Case No. 89-323

SCENE INVESTIGATION

DATE: Jan. 30, 1989

LOCATION: 445 W. 26 St., Hialeah, Fl.

TIME ARRIVED AT SCENE: 2 p.m.

POLICE AGENCY: HPD

LEAD INVESTIGATOR: Ofc. Flutie

INITIAL INFORMATION:

The victim's body was observed by a passerby who was walking between 2 factory buildings in Hialeah at the above named address. The passerby notified the police. The police observed the victim to be dead at the scene.

OBSERVATIONS OF SURROUNDINGS:

The scene takes place in a grassy walkway between two brick factory buildings. The victim's body is lying beneath a small bush with red berries.

The surroundings involve many homemade shacks that had been constructed under stairwells and electric housing units. Many used syringes, small clear plastic liquor bottles and bent and burnt soda cans are present around the scene. Multiple items of clothing, shoes, and human excrement are also in the vicinity of the homemade housing unit.

OBSERVATIONS OF VICTIM (S):

The victim is lying on her back beneath a small red berry bush. The victim has a pair of gray jeans that are turned inside out around her chest and a black tank top which has been pulled up around her head and neck. No form of identification is found on the body of the victim. There is no obvious sign of trauma to the body of the victim. A small amount of purge is seen coming from the nose and mouth. Upon examination the victim's body is in full rigor and is cool to the touch. Evidence of insect activity is noted around the back, shoulders, and chest of the victim. Large hyperpigmented irregular scars are seen on the inferior border of both breasts.

SCENE IMPRESSION (INCLUDING PROBABLE CAUSE AND MANNER OF DEATH):

Unclassified death, probably due to drug overdose.

DADE COUNTY MEDICAL EXAMINER DEPARTMENT, Miami, Florida

Name. STEWART, Kimberly.....Case No. 89-323

NOTE: The foregoing is of a speculative nature and subject to modification pending additional information and investigation.

Joye M. Carter, MD
JOYE M. CARTER, M.D.
Associate Medical Examiner

JMC:mu

METROPOLITAN DADE COUNTY
Office of the Medical Examiner
INVESTIGATION REPORT

Police Case No. J 10494

NAME OF THE DECEASED: UNKNOWN - SEE BELOW Age 30's Race B Sex F

Address _____ Date of Birth UNK

Social Security No. _____ Occupation _____ Employer _____

Place of Death 445 W. 26 ST. REAR ALLEY

Death Occurred 19 M. in the presence of _____
or
Found Dead 1/30/1989 M. by PAT BARRETT

Identified by _____ Address _____

Date/Time Viewed by Investigator 1/30/1989, 108P M. Medical Examiner at Scene _____

HISTORY: (What happened just prior to death and when was victim last seen alive?) VICTIM APPARENTLY LIVED ON THE STREET AS PER SEVERAL PASSERSBY AT SCENE. IT IS NOT KNOWN WHO LAST SAW VICTIM ALIVE. VICTIM ALLEGEDLY HAD A SEVERE "CRACK" COCAINE HABIT.

(VICTIM POSSIBLE ID = KIMBERLY STEWART
7-14-57 MDPD JK# 483540)

Possible manner of death HOMICIDE

If Violent Death: Date/Time of Incident 19 M. Weapon/Cal. _____

Exact Location/Address of Incident _____ At work _____
(Specify Street, Parking Lot, Bar etc.)

PHYSICAL EXAMINATION: Clothing BLACK T-SHIRT ONLY - NUDE FROM WAISTE DOWN

Position/Location of Body: ON BACK FEET NW HEAD SE.

Lividity: Yes _____ No _____ Consistent _____ Body Heat: Warm: _____ Cool: _____ Cold:

Rigor Mortis: None _____ Slight _____ Full: Decomposition: None Slight _____ Advanced _____

Trauma: Yes _____ No Describe _____

NAMES OF DOCTORS/HOSPITALS who attended deceased during life: UNKNOWN

NAME OF NEXT OF KIN: UNK. Relation _____

Address _____ Telephone _____ Notified: Yes _____ No

Valuables and Disposition EARRING - IMPOUNDED Medication to M.E.: Yes _____ No _____

Investigating Agency 04 Report Submitted by DET. M. FLUTIE Date: 1/30/1989 2:00P M.

DADE COUNTY MEDICAL EXAMINER DEPARTMENT
1050 N.W. 19 St., Miami, FL 33136
(305) 549-7337

CASE INFORMATION

DATE _____

time

M.E. Case #

TELEPHONE MESSAGE

Nº 001990

DATE CALL RECEIVED

1-31-89 9:30
WHO CALLED

WHO CALLED

Det. Flutie
FIRM

CITY, STATE

Hialeah

PHONE

153-5200

1 RETURN CALL, DATA

WILL CALL AGAIN, DATE, TIME

CALL TAKEN BY

Zim

DADE COUNTY MEDICAL EXAMINER DEPARTMENT
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MIAMI, FLORIDA 33136

MESSAGE FOR . . .

~~BAH JMC~~

MESSAGE

RE: Unknown Black Female
89-0323
Kimberly Stewart

DAY TIMERS RE ORDER No. 3214 - Printed in USA

Call returned at 10:35 AM on February 1, 1989
Dr. Hukki was not in. Jim Carter MD

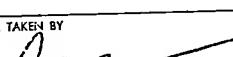
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89-323
88-3118

CASE INFORMATION

TELEPHONE MESSAGE

No 001068

DATE CALL RECEIVED		TIME
Apr 4-14 89		
WHO CALLED		Don & one
FIRM		
CITY, STATE		
PHONE	570 -	AREA CODE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> RETURN CALL, DATE, TIME		
<input type="checkbox"/> WILL CALL AGAIN, DATE, TIME		
CALL TAKEN BY		
		

DADE COUNTY MEDICAL EXAMINER'S DEPT.
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MIAMI, FLORIDA 33136-1133

MESSAGE
FOR . . .

MESSAGE

PAY TIMES RE-ORDER No. 3214 - Printed in USA

4/14/89

agrees - my theory as consistent



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CASE INFORMATION

DATE 2/17/89
mo. day yr.

7:45 Am
time

89-323
M.E. Case #

Re: Stewart, Kimberly

called Ms. Barnett at work (friend)
883-9630 phone, rang, got no answer.

McFayle

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CASE INFORMATION

DATE 2/8/89
mo. day yr.

8:15 Am
time

89-323
M.E. Case #

Reference: Stewart, K.

Called Mrs. F. Cotton in reference to locating
(502) 778-3940 the deceased's father, funeral arrangements.
She advised that she has not been able
to find him to advise him of the death.
She knows of an and where he lived at
one time but there is no phone listed for
him, she does not know an address. She
will continue to check, will keep us
advised.

8:30 Am

CE Taylor

Called Mrs. Barrett, Margie

888-4431 — She was not there, is expected after
9:00 Am. message left to have her call the
office.

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CASE INFORMATION

DATE Feb. 7, 1989
mo. day yr.

1:10 pm
time

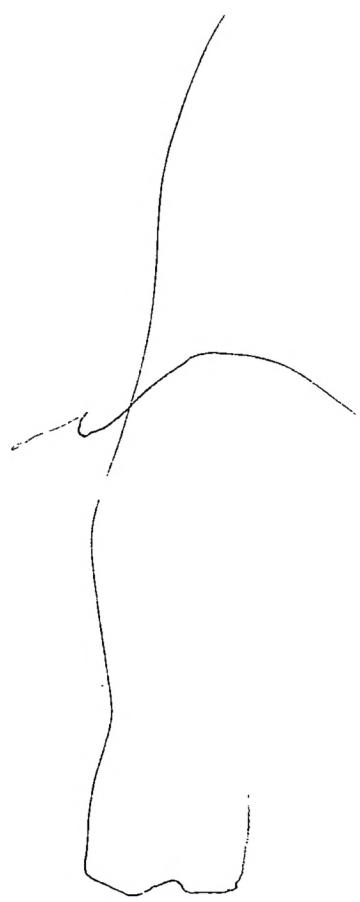
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M.E. Case #

Reference: Stewart, Kimberly

Received call from
Mrs. Wanda Bennett, friend.
883-9630 Bennett, Wanda

Her aunt, Mrs. Francis Cotton
(502) 778-3940

Only family, father and older son.
Father is an alcoholic, was contacted
and told of his daughter's death but has
not made any moves to do anything
about death.
His address is not known, lives in the
Southwick Housing Project in Louisville,
Kentucky. Father's name is David Fields.



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CASE INFORMATION

DATE 2 6 89
mo. day yr.

11:45 AM
time

89-323
M.E. Case #

RE: STEWART, KIMBERLY

Revd call
Donovan Martin
89-5959

→ Miss Martin said, she
is taking care of deceased's
six (6) month baby.

She wanted to know if
family (stepfather) had arrived
yet.

Reduguezo

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CASE INFORMATION

DATE 3-31-89
mo. day yr.

12:50 PM
time

89-0323
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KimBERLY STEWART

Unclassified - DR. CARTER

Rec'd CALL
DOROTHY MARTIN
888-5959

SHE NEED PROOF OF DEATH FOR HRS.
DEC'D LEFT A BABY WITH HER. THE
BABY IS NOW 7 MONTHS OLD. SHE HAD
TO OBTAIN A BIRTH CERTIFICATE FOR THE
BABY.

DEC'D & BABY WAS LEAVING ANY WHERE THEY
COULD OFF THE STREET. ONE DAY DEC'D TOLD
HER SHE HAD NO WHERE FOR HER BABY TO
LIVE. SHE (DOROTHY) TOOK THE BABY IN, DEC'D
LEFT. THE NEXT NEWS SHE GOT, DEC'D WAS
DEAD. NO KNOWN RELATIVES.

POLICE ADVISED MRS. MARTIN TO CALL.

D E. White

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DATE 2/1/89
mo. day yr.

3:30
time

89-323
M.E. Case #

Recd
call
Dr. Flatte
HPD

Re: Stewart, Kimberly

NOK: father, David Eick (notified)

He is enroute to Miami to take care
of arrangements, lives in Louisville
Kentucky.

2/6/89 8:30 AM

953-5200
called Dr. Flatte P.D.

slct. Flatte, not expected until Tuesday.

message will be left in the form of a beep to
call this office.

(information needed on family).

CEaylor

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CASE INFORMATION

DATE Feb. 1, 1989
mo. day yr.

8:20 Am
time

89-323
M.E. Case #

Reference: Kimberly, Stewart

called Hialeah Police

Det. Flute.

He made contact with family
that has her 6 monthold child.
They did not know her family.
Have the name of father of the
child, William Hunt "Pee-wee",
who is in the County jail, unable
to make financial arrangements, expected
to get out next month.

Hunt stated he thinks she come
from Louisville Kentucky, parent
last name Blake. Thinks she was
employed at Hialeah Race Track in
the past.

Flute will follow up on Race Track
leads and advise. 

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12:55
time

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Received Call
Officer

Megia, Hialeah Police Dept.

445 west 26th Street

#3116 Doctor is requested. Complaint desk unable
to give or get any additional
information about situation.

1:04 PM
Complaint desk called.

B/F found in alley way, not a
natural. Doctor needed.

C Gayle —

Wagon
2:19 P/M
Robin

J. Burns

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1050 N.W. 19 STREET
MIAMI, FLORIDA

CRIME SCENE SEARCH DETAIL

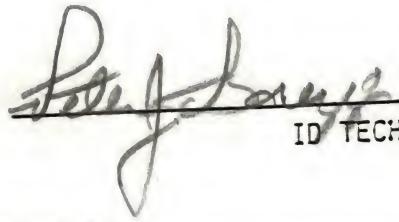
POLICE AGENCY HIALEAH POLICE DEPARTMENT

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POLICE (AGENCY) CASE # J-10494 TIME 8:45 AM
NAME OF DECEASED KIMBERLY STEWARD 31 BLACK FEMALE DOB: 7/14/57

FOLLOW-UP PROCESSING COMPLETED:

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<input type="checkbox"/> HAIR STANDARD COLLECTION	<input type="checkbox"/> PHOTOGRAPH
<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER	

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION



Peter J. Steward ID TECHNICIAN / OFFICER

POSITIVE ID BY FINGERPRINTS MADE ON

UNDER THE NAME OF

LAST KNOWN ADDRESS

DOB

OTHER

CALLED BY CHARLES E. TAYLOR

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PROPERTY RECEIPT

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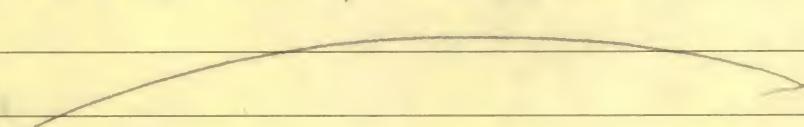
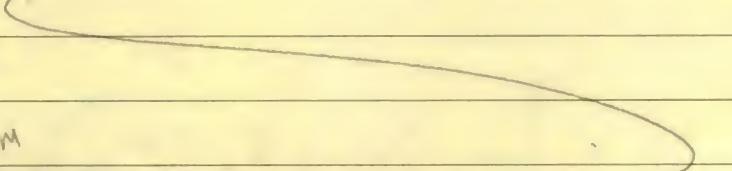
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MEDICAL EXAMINER JMC

(IF NOT KNOWN, USE UNK)

DECEDENT'S NAME: Stewart, Kimberly

AGE 31 RACE B SEX F TYPE OF CASE Unclassified

POLICE AGENCY: Hialeah POLICE CASE # J 10494

ITEM NO.	QUANTITY	DESCRIPTION (itemize currency by denomination)
1	1	Rape kit with red top tube of blood   <u>Load item</u>

I hereby acknowledge that the above list represents all the property impounded by me in the official performance of my duty as a Medical Examiner, District 11.

Joye M Carter MD
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Jaye M Carter MD
12:00 Sign

Sign

DATE / TIME OBTAINED: 1 31 89
MO. DAY YR.

TIME AM/PM.

I hereby acknowledge that the above list represents all property received by/from the Medical Examiner Department.

M.E. Courier: _____ Print

Sign

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505 Sign AM/PM

Receiving Party: SGT. F. JIMENEZ, 2131
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MDPD
Agency

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Final Disposition			AUTHORITY	DATE & TIME OF DISPOSITION

PROPERTY RELEASE INFORMATION

NAME: _____ DOB: _____

ADDRESS: _____

TELEPHONE NO.: _____ RACE: _____ SEX: _____

DRIVERS LICENSE NO.: _____

OTHER I.D.: _____

RELEASED BY: SIGNATURE _____

PRINT NAME _____

DATE/TIME: _____

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OTHER I.D.: _____

RELEASED BY: SIGNATURE _____

PRINT NAME _____

DATE/TIME: _____

METROPOLITAN DADE COUNTY
MEDICAL EXAMINER DEPARTMENT

ROUTINE BODY RELEASE
CHECK LIST

YES NO

ALL CASE FILE CONTENTS CHECKED AND VERIFIED?

Susan J. McEneany
FORENSIC INVESTIGATIONS BUREAU SUPERVISOR
SIGNATURE

CASE DISCUSSED WITH ASSOC. MEDICAL EXAMINER
HANDLING CASE?

APPROVED FOR BURIAL: *Joyce M. Carter, M.D.*

DATE: 2 23 89
M - D - YR

CASE DISCUSSED WITH DIRECTOR OF OPERATIONS?

APPROVED FOR BURIAL: *Norman Kassoff*

DATE: Feb 24 89
M - D - YR

CASE DISCUSSED WITH CHIEF MEDICAL EXAMINER?

APPROVED FOR BURIAL: *J. H. Davis*

DATE: 2/24/89
M - D - YR

Dec'd father reportedly lives in a Housing Project in Louisville, Ky,
is an alcoholic, has been notified, Per an Aunt, he and a brother are the only relatives
known. Dec'd left a six month baby, that is being cared for locally by acquaintances.

DOCTOR

IS N.C.I.C. UNIDENTIFIED PERSON

ENTRY GUIDE NEEDED?

YES

NO

METROPOLITAN DADE COUNTY
MEDICAL EXAMINER DEPARTMENT

**ROUTINE BODY RELEASE
CHECK LIST**

DATE: FEBRUARY 21, 1989 PREPARED BY: CHARLES E. TAYLOR M.E. CASE # 89-0 323 A
M - D - Y FORENSIC INVESTIGATOR

NAME OF DECEASED (if known): KIMBERLY STEWART RACE BLACK SEX FEMALE

TYPE OF DEATH: N - A - S - H - MV (UNCLASSIFIED)
Circle

	YES	NO
1. BODY HAS BEEN FINGERPRINTED? REMARKS: _____	<u>YES</u>	_____
2. FINGERPRINTS SENT TO POLICE? REMARKS: _____	<u>YES</u>	_____
3. POLICE RESPONSE FOR FINGERPRINT CHECK? REMARKS: _____	<u>YES</u>	_____
4. BODY HAS BEEN FULLY X-RAYED? REMARKS: _____	_____	<u>NO</u>
5. TEETH X-RAYED AND CHARTED? REMARKS: _____	_____	<u>NO</u>
6. CLOTHING PHOTOGRAPHED? REMARKS: _____	<u>YES</u>	_____
7. INQUIRY MADE FOR PERSONAL EFFECTS (POLICE PROPERTY ROOM)? REMARKS: _____	_____	<u>NO</u>
8. INQUIRY MADE WITH (IF APPROPRIATE):		

HOSPITAL RECORDS YES NO
VETERANS ADMINISTRATION NO
BANKS NO
ADDRESS BOOKS NO
POST OFFICE NO

OTHER NO
REMARKS: FRIENDS CONTACTED. THE DECEASED WAS FROM KENTUCKY. SHE CAME TO MIAMI AS AN EMPLOYEE OF HIALEAH RACE TRACK. NO ONE KNOWS HOW TO CONTACT HER FATHER WHO REPORTEDLY LIVES IN KENTUCKY.

9. POLICE INVESTIGATION CONTACTED FOR LATE LEADS?
REMARKS: NO LATE LEADS FROM POLICE AGENCY AS OF FEBRUARY 21, 1989.



STATE OF FLORIDA
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH & REHABILITATIVE SERVICES
VITAL STATISTICS

89-323 A

APPLICATION FOR BURIAL-TRANSIT PERMIT.

A. (Type or Print)

1. Name of Deceased	First	Middle	Last	DATE OF DEATH	Month	Day	Year
	KIMBERLY		STEWART	JANUARY 30, 1989			
2. Place of Death County	City, Town or Location		Name of (If neither, give street address) Hosp. or Inst. FOUND: REAR ALLEY: 445 W. 26 STREET				
	DADE HIALEAH						
3. Name of Medical Certifier	JOYE M. CARTER, MD		<input type="checkbox"/> Physician	Address	Phone Number		
4. Funeral Home/ Direct Disposer	MEDICAL EXAMINER OFFICE		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Medical Examiner	#1 ON BOB HOPE RD., MIAMI, FL	545-2400		
5. Check Appropriate Box	Name _____ Address _____ Phone Number (Area Code) _____						

a The medical certification has been completed and signed. A completed certificate of death accompanies this application.

b _____ was contacted on _____ within 72 hours after death. He/she verified that this death was from natural causes, that there was no accident nor other external cause of death, and that _____ will complete and sign the medical certification of cause of death.

c _____ was contacted on _____. He/she verified that _____, Medical Examiner, will complete and sign the medical certification.

6. Funeral Director/ Direct Disposer **ACTING**

Signature

Fla. Lic. No./Reg. No.

Date Signed

FEBRUARY 6, 1989

B. BURIAL-TRANSIT PERMIT

Permit No. **89-027**

✓ Permission is hereby granted to dispose of this body.

A five day extension of time for filing the death certificate (exclusive of weekends) has been requested and granted as undue hardship would result from filing within the normal time limit. If the certificate cannot be filed within this extended time limit, a "Funeral Director/Direct Disposer Report" will be filed with the Local Registrar of the County in which death occurred.

No extension of time for filing the death certificate requested.

Registrar or
Subregistrar Signature

Joyce E. Burns

Date
Issued: **2-6-89**

Date Certificate
Due: _____

C. AUTHORIZATION for CREMATION, DISSECTION or BURIAL-AT-SEA

Signature _____, Medical Examiner Date _____
or
Medical Examiner, _____, gave authorization by telephone to _____
Funeral Director/Direct Disposer. Date _____

The Medical Examiner's approval must be obtained before disposal by any of the above methods. A waiting period of 48 hours after death is required for all cremations.

D. FOR FUNERAL DIRECTOR/DIRECT DISPOSER USE ONLY

1. Date Burial-Transit Permit (pink copy) was filed with Local Registrar: _____
2. Date Temporary Certificate was filed with Local Registrar: _____
3. Date complete Certificate was filed with Local Registrar: _____
4. Follow-Up Efforts & Activities (Note parties & dates contacted): _____
5. Funeral Director/Direct Disposer Report filed: Yes _____ No _____ Date Filed: _____

FUNERAL DIRECTOR/DIRECT DISPOSER COPY

INSTRUCTIONS ON HOW TO COMPLETE THE APPLICATION FOR BURIAL—TRANSIT PERMIT FORM

APPLICATION FOR PERMIT

Section A.

1. Type or print name of deceased and date of death.
2. Indicate place of death: County; City, Town or Location; hospital or institution (if not in hospital or institution, give street address).
3. Indicate the name and address of the physician or Medical Examiner who you determine is to provide the medical certification of cause of death.
4. Indicate name, address, and telephone number of funeral home or direct disposal establishment.
5.
 - a. Check if a completed death certificate, including the completed and signed medical certification of cause of death, accompanies the pink copy of the Application for Burial—Transit Permit to the Local Registrar of the County in which death occurred. (If the completed certificate cannot be obtained in sufficient time to be filed with the pink copy of the Application, check 5b.)
 - b. Provide the name of the person contacted in an effort to obtain the name of the physician who is to complete and sign the medical certification portion of the certificate, and the date he/she was contacted. The person contacted must be either the physician or a responsible person whom you determine can speak for him/her.
 - c. Check to indicate if this is a Medical Examiner case. Give the name of the person contacted who verified that the Medical Examiner will complete and sign the medical certification of cause of death and the date contact was made.
6. Requires signature of applicant, Florida License/Registration number, and date application signed.

BURIAL—TRANSIT PERMIT

Section B.

Provide permit number. If it is anticipated that the certificate cannot be filed within five days from the date of death, five additional days (exclusive of weekends) may be requested and granted by checking the box provided. If this time frame cannot be met, complete and file a copy of the Funeral Director/Direct Disposer Report with the Local Registrar in the County of death and send a copy to Quality Assurance, Office of Vital Statistics. If no extension of time is requested, check appropriate box.

The Registrar or Subregistrar who grants the Burial—Transit Permit will sign and date the Permit Application. If it is not convenient for the Subregistrar to sign, it will be signed by the Local Registrar or his designee. (The signature of the Subregistrar on the Burial—Transit Permit need not be the same as the Subregistrar signature on the death certificate.) Section 382.006, Florida Statutes, requires that a Burial—Transit Permit be obtained prior to disposition or removal from the State and within five days after death. It shall be mailed or delivered to the Local Registrar of the County in which death occurred within 24 hours after issuance. NOTE: It is not necessary to wait until the Funeral Director/Direct Disposer has custody of the actual body to begin the paperwork.)

Section C.

AUTHORIZATION for CREMATION, DISSECTION or BURIAL—AT—SEA

Approval for cremation/dissection or burial-at-sea must be authorized by the Medical Examiner. Space for his approval signature and date are provided. In addition, space is provided for the name of the person obtaining telephone approval from Medical Examiner and the date such approval was obtained.

(NOTE: DO NOT HOLD UP FILING THE PINK COPY WHILE AWAITING MEDICAL EXAMINER APPROVAL.)

Section D.

FOR FUNERAL DIRECTOR/DIRECT DISPOSER USE ONLY

1. Record date the Funeral Director/Direct Disposer filed the pink copy of the Burial-Transit Permit with the Local Registrar of the County in which death occurred.
2. If a temporary death certificate was filed with the Local Registrar of the County in which death occurred, record the date in this item.
3. Record the date a completed death certificate with a completed and signed certification of cause of death was filed with the Local Registrar of the County in which death occurred.
4. Funeral Director/Direct Disposer to record any follow-up activities he/she made himself/herself to obtain and file a completed death certificate with completed and signed medical certification of cause of death.
5. Funeral Director/Direct Disposer will complete and file a copy of the Funeral Director/Direct Disposer Report if he/she had difficulty in securing medical certification which prevented the filing of a completed death certificate by the expiration of the five-day extension (exclusive of weekends) as indicated on the Burial—Transit Permit. Record if filed or not filed and, if filed, the date it was filed.

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(305) 545-2400

DECEASED'S VALUABLES AND PERSONAL PROPERTY RECORD

NAME OF DECEASED Unk M.E. CASE NO. 89-323

TIME 3:30 pm

DATE Jan 30, 1989
M D YR

AGE _____ RACE B SEX F HEIGHT 5-3

WEIGHT (with clothes) 117 (without clothes) _____ (with wet clothes) _____

FINGERPRINTED: YES _____ NO _____

MALE

SHOES _____ SOCKS _____

CLOTHES

SHOES _____ STOCKING _____ SOCKS _____

JACKET _____ SWEATER _____

COAT _____ SWEATER _____ JACKET _____

TIE _____ SHIRT _____

DRESS _____ BLOUSE _____ SKIRT _____

TROUSERS _____ SHORTS _____ BELT _____

SHORTS _____ SLACKS _____

UNDERSHIRT _____ T SHIRT _____ UNDERSHORTS _____

SLIP _____ PANTIES _____ CORSET _____ BRA _____

PAJAMAS _____

PAJAMAS _____ GOWN _____

DENTURES: U. _____ L. _____ TRUSS _____

DENTURES: U. _____ L. _____

MISCELLANEOUS _____

MISCELLANEOUS _____

VALUABLES

(List all money, jewelry, keys, personal papers & other valuables)

NONE

RECEIVED BY Sumlar MORGUE ATTENDANT Carol Jansen WITNESS _____

REMOVED FROM M.E. OFFICE BY

BODY 7 Berlin REPRESENTING Po'tier DATE 3-2-89 TIME 6:40 PM

CLOTHES _____ REPRESENTING _____ DATE _____ TIME _____

VALUABLES _____ REPRESENTING _____ DATE _____ TIME _____

THE DADE COUNTY MEDICAL EXAMINER DEPARTMENT, Miami, Florida
Name..STEWART, Kimberly..Jan.31,1989..8:45 a.m...Case No. 89-323

CAUSE OF DEATH:

Cocaine Intoxication

Joye M. Carter, M.D.
JOYE M. CARTER, M.D.
Associate Medical Examiner
Date: April 26, 1989

JMC:mu

METROPOLITAN DADE COUNTY
MEDICAL EXAMINER DEPARTMENT
Number One on Bob Hope Road, Miami, Florida 33136

TOXICOLOGY REPORT

Stuart, Kimberly
UNKNOWN

M.E. CASE NO. 89-0323

<u>SUBSTANCE</u>	<u>SPECIMEN</u>	<u>RESULT</u>
VOLATILES	HEART BLOOD	UNDETECTED
DRUGS	BLADDER WASH	UNDETECTED
BENZOYLECGONINE	SERUM	5.95mg/L
COCAINE	HEART BLOOD	1.9mg/L
COCAINE	TRACHEAL SWABS	DETECTED
COCAINE	SYRINGE	DETECTED
COCAINE	PIPE #1	DETECTED
COCAINE	PIPE #2	DETECTED
METHYLECGONINE	HEART BLOOD	DETECTED
METHYLECGONINE	PIPE #1	DETECTED
METHYLECGONIDINE	PIPE #1	DETECTED
NORCOCAINE	PIPE #1	DETECTED
CINNAMOYLCOCAIN	PIPE #1	DETECTED

Joye M. Carter, M.D.
Associate Medical Examiner

Date March 29, 1989

W.H.

84-323
Not to GMC

	SICKLE	ESR	EOS MM/H	SPHERO COUNT /CMM	COUNT %
Reference			1	50	0
Range			20	250	1

02 FEB 17:17 NEG

89-0323
JMCSTEWART, KIMBERLY 31F M0000989 MFDEX
UNIVERSITY OF MIAMI — JACKSON MEMORIAL MEDICAL CENTER

C-310E

OUTPATIENT LABORATORY REPORT

01-0068-8

DCME - DR. CARTER
NO CORNEAS

Noticed JMC
2-8-89



Blood Services
South Florida Region

PROCESSING LABORATORY

Anti-HTLV-III
Testing Request

Case Number: 89-0323

Please check your request(s):

Date Delivered: 1-31-89

HTLV-III

Send Results To: Florida Lions Eye Bank

HB_sAg

RESULTS

HTLV-III



Nonreactive

HB_sAg

^{too}
100

Immuno Lybd

Repeatably Reactive

Negative

Repeatably Reactive

TECH

m4

TECH

DM

Results Called

To: _____

Reviewed by:

Date/Time: _____

Date: _____

By ARC Tech: _____

Explanation of HTLV-III testing results:

Epidemiologic data suggest that acquired immune deficiency syndrome (AIDS) is caused by a retrovirus that is horizontally transmitted by exposure to semen, saliva, and blood. The retrovirus belongs to the family of human T-cell lymphotropic virus (HTLV) and is designated as HTLV-III. It has been isolated from patients with AIDS, pre-AIDS, and from healthy individuals at risk for AIDS. The ELISA test and the Western Blot assay do not detect the virus, but rather the antibody to the virus.

Specimens which are repeatably reactive for HTLV-III on ELISA and/or positive on Western Blot are considered positive for antibody to the HTLV-III virus by the criteria established for the tests. Repeatably reactive results on ELISA have a high correlation with positive results on Western Blot, although there is not 100% correlation. The relative sensitivities and specificities of the ELISA and Western Blot assay have not been established. The Public Health Service and the American Red Cross Blood Services, South Florida Region have prepared a pamphlet for individuals found to be positive for the antibody. This pamphlet is available on request by calling 326-6663.

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EXTERNAL EXAMINATION:

The body is that of a well developed, muscular, poorly nourished 5 foot 3 inch, 117 pound, adult black female whose appearance is consistent with the midthirties. The scalp is without trauma and covered with a thick crop of black kinky 2 to 3 inch long hair. Dried grass, berry pods, and leaves are in the matted black hair. The irides are brown with equal 2 mm pupil diameters. The conjunctivae are pale and have no petechiae. The nares are lined by intact pink hyperemic mucosa. The mouth contains native dentition in a poor state of repair with the right upper lateral incisors absent. The oral mucosa is free of abrasions, contusions, or lacerations. The oral cavity is not obstructed. The tongue is without evidence of bite marks or lacerations. Facial hair consists of coarse curly black hair on the chin. The neck is straight and has unremarkable external features. The chest is symmetric with a normal anteroposterior diameter. The breasts are somewhat pendulous showing evidence of previous surgical reduction procedures which are well healed, bilateral 8 inch hyperpigmented scars around the inferior border of the breasts. The breasts themselves have no palpable masses. The abdomen is mildly protuberant with prominent linear vertical striae in the lower quadrants. The external genitalia are remarkable for deep invagination of the vaginal wall and a thick pink tan cheesy exudate within the vaginal vault. There are no abrasions, contusions, lacerations or adhesions on the vagina.

The posterior surface of the body is remarkable for a 2-1/4 inch well vertical scar on the right side of the back occurring at 12 inches from the top of the shoulder. The left upper extremity is remarkable for a well healed hyperpigmented curvilinear 3-3/4 inch scar on the posterior surface of the left forearm. The left upper extremity is also remarkable for a 1/2 inch irregular stellate scar on the dorsal surface of the palm. The left and right lower extremity and right upper extremity are remarkable for scattered discoid 1/4 inch in diameter hyperpigmented scars most notable on the shin and the posterior surface of the right forearm.

INTERNAL EXAMINATION:

The reflected scalp has minimal subgaleal blood. The calvarium is intact. The dura is intact. The 1240 gram brain has symmetric cerebral and cerebellar hemispheres covered by mildly congested leptomeninges. The cerebral cortex is free of contusions or lacerations. The brain has good cortical definition, and unremarkable cerebral white matter, basal ganglia, thalami and mammillary bodies. The ventricles are not dilated and contain clear spinal fluid. The cerebellum and pons are free of any internal or external abnormality. The medulla is

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unremarkable externally and internally. The anterior, middle and posterior cranial fossa are intact. The pituitary gland is unremarkable externally and internally. The vessels at the base of the brain are widely patent.

A stepwise neck dissection reveals the strap muscles of the neck to be firm, red-brown, homogeneous and without evidence of injury or disease. The hyoid bone and thyroid cartilage are intact. The thyroid gland is firm, red-brown, homogeneous and has no nodules. The carotid sheaths are intact, bilaterally, with no evidence of injury. Both carotid sheaths are remarkable for lymphadenopathy with red-brown, firm lymph nodes. The pharynx is lined by a brown mildly autolyzed mucosa without evidence of injury. The trachea is lined by a red-brown, mildly autolyzed mucosa and is covered by a thick film of pink brown foam. The cervical vertebral body shows no evidence of injury.

The ribs and sternum are intact. The vertebral column and long bones of the extremities are intact without evidence of injury or trauma.

The pleural cavities contain no measurable fluid. The pericardium and peritoneal cavity contain no measurable fluid.

The 280 gram heart has a normal amount of subepicardial fat. The right dominant coronary circulation is free of atherosclerosis and all coronary vessels are widely patent. The myocardium is firm, red-brown and free of scars. The valve cusps and leaflets are thin, pliable and free of vegetations. The chordae tendineae and papillary muscles are unremarkable. The endocardium is smooth and glistening. The coronary ostia are patent. The aorta is intact with no atherosclerosis. The inferior vena cava is intact and unremarkable. The pulmonary artery arises normally from the right ventricle and is unremarkable.

The right lung and left lung are 640 and 550 grams, respectively. Both lungs have smooth, dark red pleural surfaces, and markedly congested and edematous parenchyma. Frothy edema is palpated in all lobes. Dissection of the bronchial tree reveals no mucus plugs. The bronchi are lined by a brown mucosa without evidence of lesions. The pulmonary arteries are patent, bilaterally. The peribronchial lymph nodes are enlarged with firm, meaty red cut surfaces.

The intact 1500 gram liver has a smooth capsule and a blunt anterior margin. The hepatic parenchyma is red, brown, firm, with normal architecture. The gallbladder is intact and contains approximately 25 ml of thin brown bile. The portahepatic lymph nodes are mildly enlarged. The bile ducts are normal in course and caliber. The 110 gram spleen is intact, has a smooth gray

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capsule, and soft dark red splenic pulp with conspicuous malpighian corpuscles.

The right and left kidneys are 140 and 110 grams, respectively. They have smooth cortical surfaces and firm brown parenchyma with good corticomedullary proportions and definition. The pelvocalyceal systems are intact and unremarkable. The ureters are normal in course and caliber. The urinary bladder contains a scant 2 ml of turbid urine. The pelvis is intact. The cervical os is patulous and has a 1/2 inch erythematous margin which is consistent with chronic cervicitis. The uterine corpus contains a thick pink-tan cheesy exudate. The right ovary has a 3.0 cm paraovarian cyst which contains a clear fluid. The left ovary is unremarkable. The fallopian tubes, bilaterally, contain a pink-tan purulent material.

The esophagus is intact and lined by a smooth gray white mucosa. The stomach has a smooth serosal surface and smooth brown mucosa with normal rugal folds. Gastric contents consist of an estimated 200 ml of tan-brown, partially digested material. The pancreas is autolyzed with a pink-tan lobulated architecture. The small and large bowel have smooth serosal surfaces and normal dusky brown autolyzed mucosa. The appendix is in its normal position and is unremarkable. The rectum is unremarkable. The adrenal glands have unremarkable external and internal features.

AUTOPSY FINDINGS:

- 1) Marked pulmonary edema and congestion

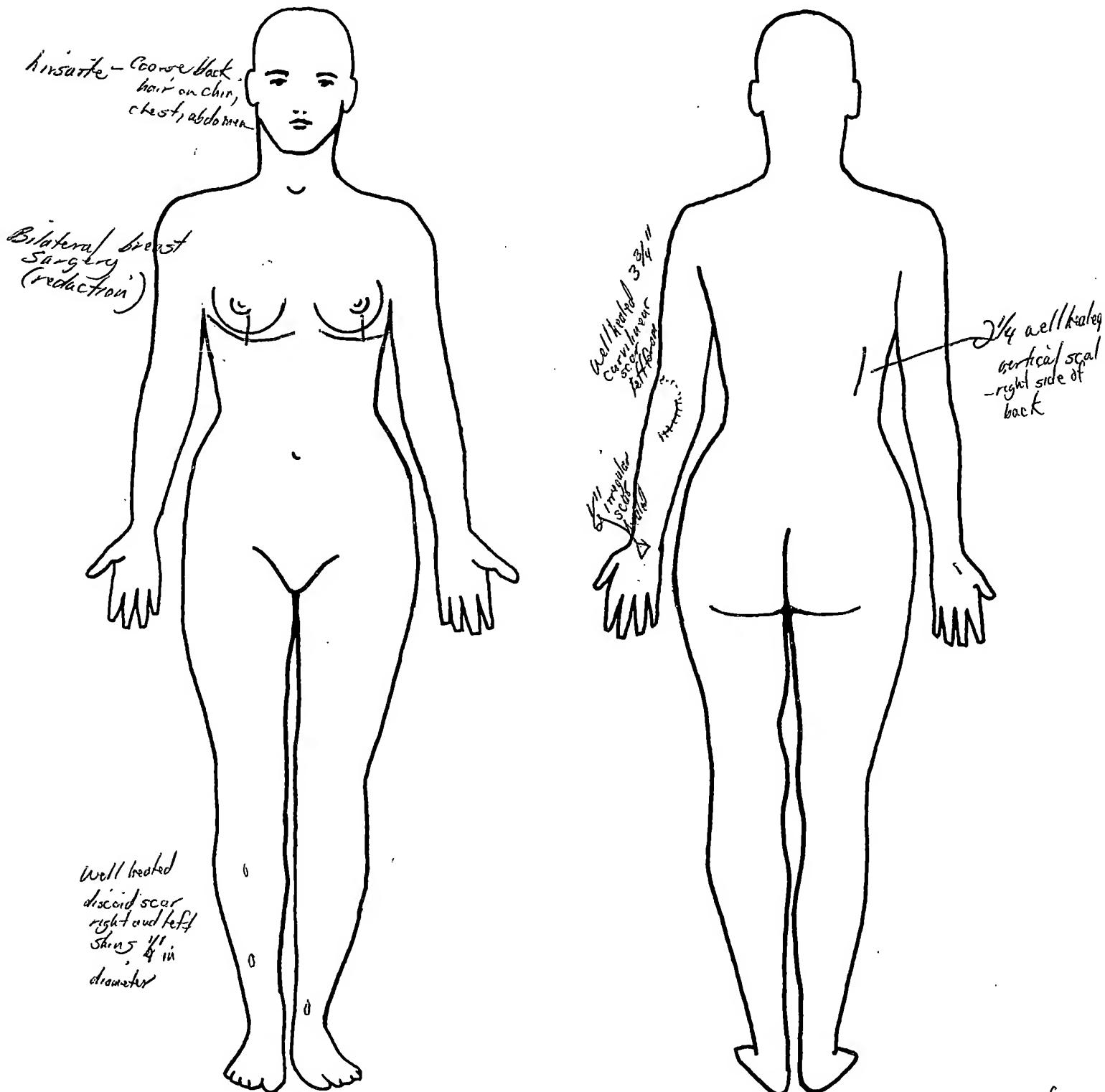
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1050 N.W. 19th Street
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Full Body, Female, anterior and posterior views

Name Unk Autopsy No. 89-323
Age _____ Race LB Sex F Date 1/13/89



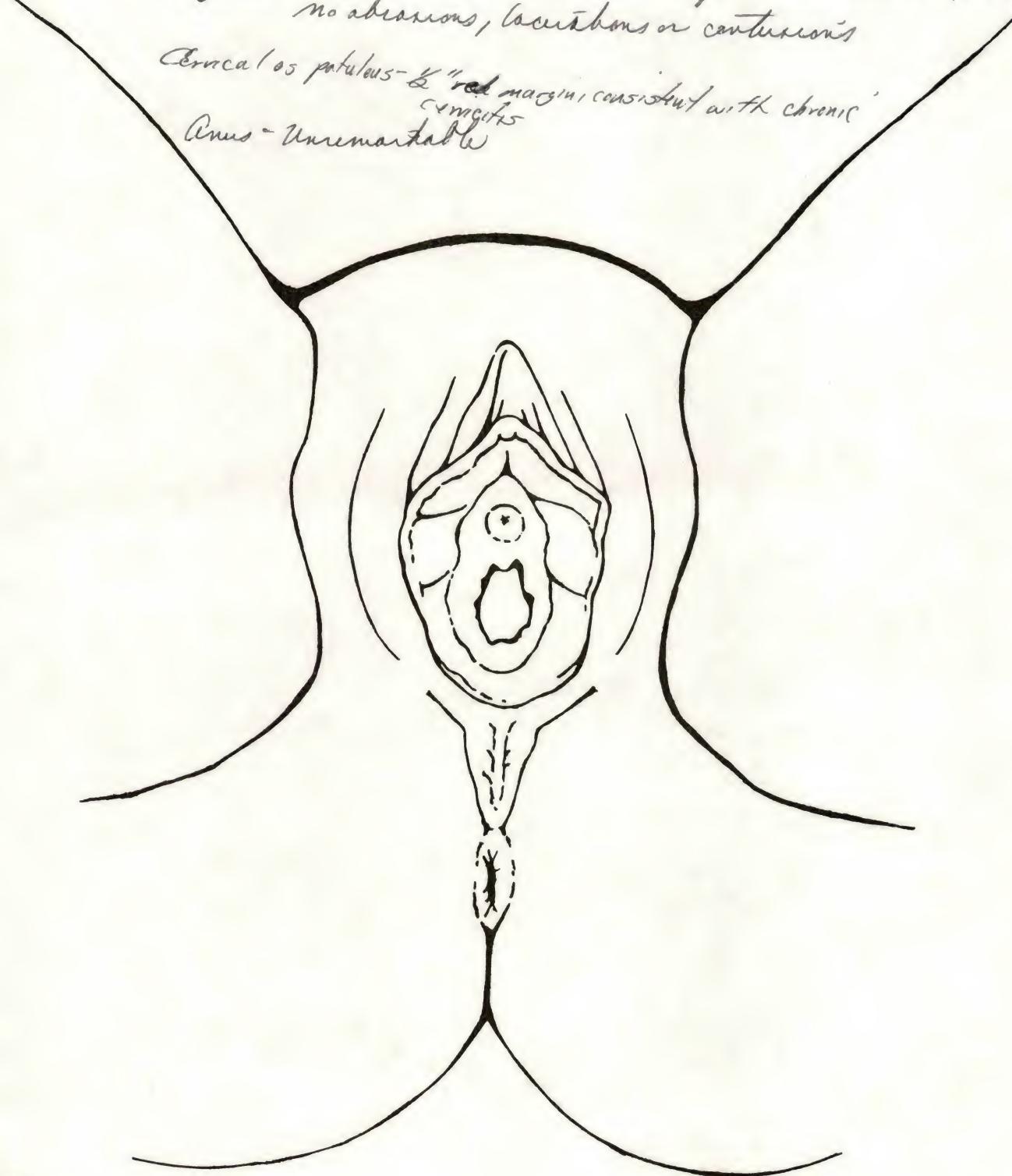
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Perineum, female ~~dead~~

NAME Unk

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Vaginal wall - many folds of mucosa, no discrete lesions
Vaginal contains moderate amount of pink, thick exudate
no abrasions, lacerations or contusions
Cervix / os patulous - ² " red margin, consistent with chronic
infection
Anus - Unremarkable



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CASE INFORMATION

DATE 3 17 81
mo. day yr.

1:25 pm
time

89-323
M.E. Case #

Stewart, Kimberly - Microscopic

Lungs - Severe, diffuse congestion of pulmonary arterioles and alveolar capillaries with incontinence of alveolar capillaries and extravasated erythrocytes within alveolar lumina. Numerous hemosiderin granules are seen within the interstitium and in extraalveolar locations. Many hemosiderin laden macrophages are seen within alveoli and in peribronchial locations. There is no evidence of foreign material or pneumonic inflammation.

Liver - Centrilobular congestion

Ovary - Section is unremarkable

Skin - Section is unremarkable for congestion of dermal vessels/tissue.

PM Clark MD

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CASE INFORMATION

DATE _____
mo. day yr.

time

M.E. Case #

TELEPHONE MESSAGE

№ 002884

DATE CALL RECEIVED

5/9/90 3:45
NO CALLED
Dft Surman

FIG. 1

AREA CODE

PHONE
541-7454

RETURN CALL, DATE, TIME

CALL TAKEN BY

MEDICAL EXAMINER DEPARTMENT
ONE BOB HOPE ROAD
MIAMI, FLORIDA 33136-1133

MESSAGE FOR . . .

MESSAGE

RE: 89-0323 (Dr. Carter)
Kimberly Stewart

DAY-TIMERS RE-ORDER No. 3314 — Printed in USA

Worm *esquirostomoski*

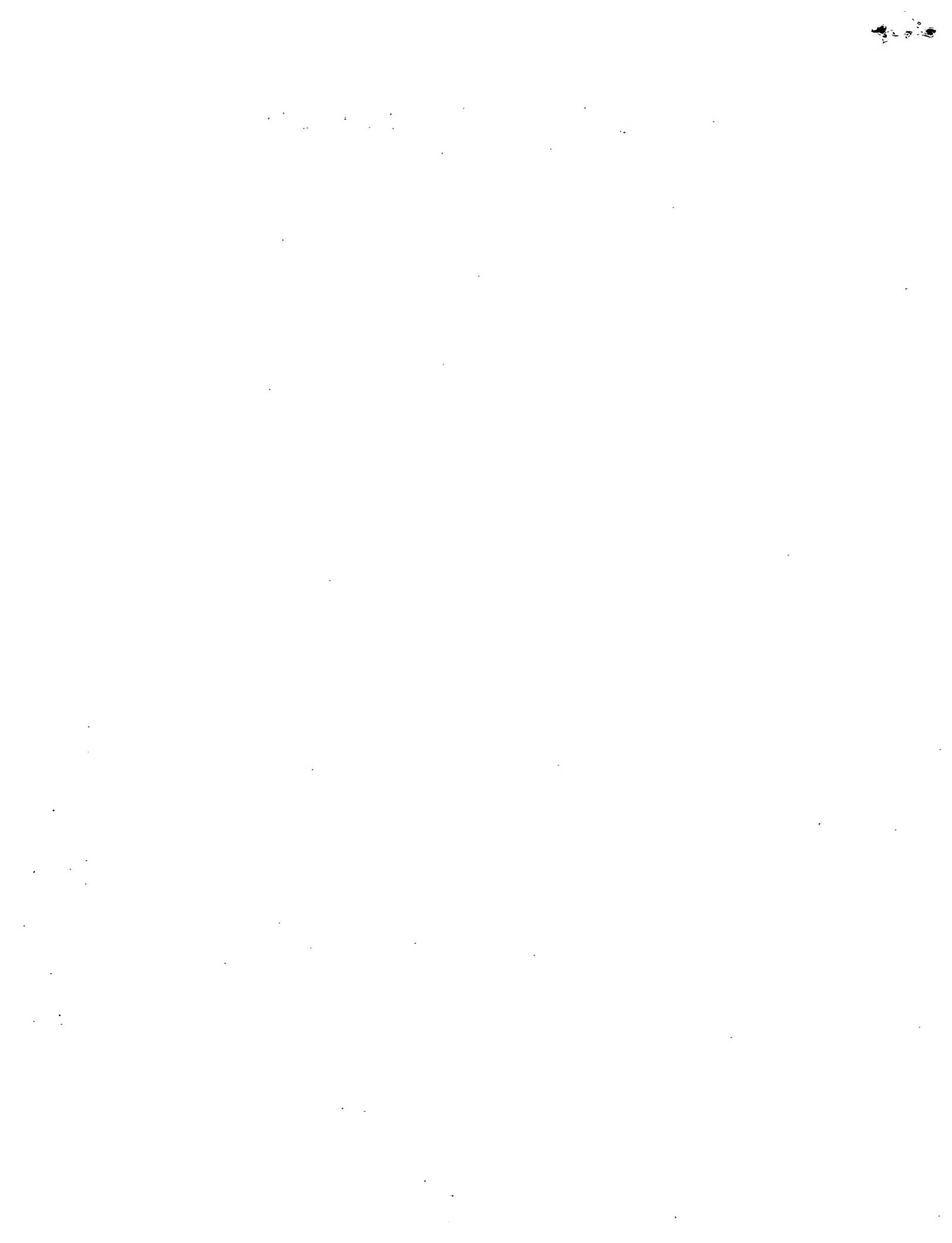
William got out of bed. I went and took off his top. She left William

William got out of bed. Stewart had taken off his top. She left William and Stewart in bed room. There an man told Stewart she left her coade pipe. Went back to her boy - probably dead. Went back to her boy - found B/M. He did nothing with information

Two years prior had been well along at a great race.

at craft week
last week her same boy friend beat
her up. It was Det F/white who was by her
side. Bob Terry

He was found in 9-11
a month or so ago
the bird was found sex
with well, no. Three
a week later he
abandoned her. He is
still strong. Now
held firm behind
and pull them
some place - actually
lifts them slightly
The struggle would
be frontless -
rigid I. O. C.
he was scared off
by visitors
Early morning
on his self
very well to
laying an egg
with ~~front~~ ^{front}
feathers



DADE COUNTY MEDICAL EXAMINER DEPARTMENT

CLASSIFICATION OF PENDING CASE

(THIS FORM IS TO BE USED BY A MEDICAL EXAMINER WHEN A PENDING CASE IS TO BE CLASSIFIED. MAKE CERTAIN THAT THERE IS AN APPROVAL BY EITHER THE CHIEF OR DEPUTY CHIEF MEDICAL EXAMINER BEFORE COMPLETING THE NECESSARY FORMS AND CERTIFICATES REQUIRED BY THE STATE.)

M.E. Case # 89-323

Name (if known) stewart, kimberly

Cause of Death:
(Item 24)

Homicide by unspecified means

Due to:

Due to:

Contributory Cause:

Manner of Death:
(Item 27a) Homicide Jan 29-30, 1989 unk. time

How Incident Occurred:
(Item 27d) found semi-nude; apparently a victim of an attack

Rationale for Classification:

1. A blundered female
2. Seminude
3. sexual contamination
4. Cocaine 1.9 mg/l
5. Fits the epidemiological pattern of 19 blunders

Medical Examiner

M - D - Y
Date

Approved by J H Davis

6/18/89

M - D - Y
Date

2200 11/22/00

good growth

lower foliage of small

and also on small old trees

but the old ones have

good foliage

and the old

old ones have

good foliage

CASE REVIEW
J. H. DAVIS, M.D.

NAME : Stewart, Kimberly ME No.: 89-323
Age/Race: 31 B Police: HIALEAH
Date Found: 1/30/89 Police No.: J10494 FLNT18
Coordinates: W4 Ave 26 st (HIALEAH)
Site Character: Driv lot by alley
Position: Supine legs spread
Clothing/Cover: Clothing pulled up

Preservation Status: Good

Photos Eyes: Yes - No petechiae photo shows some conjunctival changes

" Lips: Yes Pale area inside lower lip No lesions of tongue on 1/3rd of tip
Gonopore Neg

Ext. Neck: Yes

Int. Neck: Yes No injuries Pink foam in airway

Cocaine Blood: 1.9 Benzoyl 5.90-

" Other:

Alcohol: 5

Abandoned ♀ Cocaine Int
Nude ♀ position does not
Sex favor psychosis, seizures
Position or SCD

Master List - Study of 19 Cases

89-323

Already Classified as Homicide

- 1 88-3093 Black, B.
- 2 89-243 Spikes, A
- 3 89-906 Williams, A
- 4 89-997 Hernandez, B

Well preserved - not decomposed bodies

- 1 87-2006 Samuels, w
- 2 87-2017 Taylor, M
- 3 87-2633 Rover, E
- 4 88-1055 Gray, S
- 5 88-3075 Edwards, S
- 6 88-3119 Lattimore, B
- 7 88-3575 Burns, H
- 8 89-323 Stewart, H
- 9 89-981 Gooden, P

Decomposed or insect altered bodies - including skeletons

- 1 86-2512 Turner, T
- 2 88-2596 Henderson, J
- 3 88-2637 Johnson, L
- 4 88-3118 Rolle, R
- 5 89-346 Harris, V
- 6 89-883 Bodie, C

To D. W. C. 84-323

This is a sketch of the letter from the
University of Oxford to the Secretary of State.

Notes to the Secretary of State 29-30 Oct 1861.

Cops: Rapist top suspect in murders

But no charges filed in 19 deaths

By DONNA GEHRKE
Herald Staff Writer

For the first time, Metro-Dade police confirmed Monday that convicted rapist Charles Henry Williams is the main suspect in some of the 19 inner-city murders of Dade women.

However, police still do not have enough evidence to charge Williams with any murders. "We've exhausted all leads," Homicide Bureau Cmdr. Wayne McCarthy said.

"It's not like anyone has left a calling card or footprint or anything like that," he added. "We're making every effort we can."

McCarthy said his investigators are looking at two other suspects. One is suspected of killing the first victim, Tammie Turner, who died in September 1986 while Williams was in jail. The other is a convicted sex offender, but McCarthy said his investigators are not investigating him as intensely as they are Wil-



CHARLES WILLIAMS: Police link him to some of 19 deaths.

liams. He would not disclose those suspects' names.

Investigators have said privately that Williams, 32, is their suspect for all the slayings but Turner's.

McCarthy said Williams "is a main suspect in some of them," adding he could speak only about the 11 cases his agency is investigating. Hialeah and Miami police detectives in charge of the others could not be reached for comment after McCar-

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thy's afternoon press conference.

McCarthy said witnesses have linked Williams with four of Metro's victims.

"He knew them or he dated them," McCarthy said. "Or he did drugs with them."

Family and witnesses have also tied Williams to the Miami homicide of Sharmanita Grays, 16, a neighbor of Williams in Overtown.

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McCarthy said police have not ruled out that some of the victims died accidentally. But he acknowledged that the theory the women died from a lethal combination of sex and cocaine — which has been rejected by Dade Medical Examiner Joseph Davis — is "on the back

burner."

Davis said Monday it is only a matter of paper work before his office classifies all the women's deaths as homicides. Some of the deaths had remained unclassified for months before Davis led his own investigation and concluded all 19 victims were murdered.

In some cases, the women had been clearly asphyxiated, he said. "You could stand 10 feet away, it's that clear," he added. In others, the bodies were so decomposed that medical examiners couldn't determine an exact cause of death.

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Rapist is suspect in deaths case

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found near where 24-year-old Brenda Hernandez was killed with a blunt object at Northwest 46th Street and 23rd Avenue.

Police took him into custody after he gave "false information" about his name and was found to be carrying a crack pipe in his pocket, they said.

Within a few hours of his arrest, Williams also was charged with the March rape and robbery of a prostitute. Another victim later identified the convict in a photo lineup as the man who a month earlier pinned her in a choke hold and then dragged her to an open field where he raped her.

Williams is being arraigned in those two rape cases this morning.

He is being held without bail at the Dade County Stockade.

Meanwhile, Metro and Miami police are investigating Williams' possible role in the 17 deaths that began in 1986. Almost all of the victims were found lying on their backs, partially nude and in open fields or abandoned houses. Their blood showed traces of cocaine, and crack paraphernalia was found nearby.

say."

Records show Williams served only four months of that sentence in the stockade. He was released in time for Christmas 1986.

Five months later, he was in trouble again.

Miami police arrested him in May 1987 after a woman reported she had been beaten on her legs, face and neck in an attack at Northwest First Court and 14th Street. She described her assailant, and police found Williams in the area.

However, the aggravated battery charge was lessened to a misdemeanor.

In the same area a day later, another woman said Williams attacked

her.

The Miami police report said

Williams "had his hand on her neck

and was choking her while the victim was trying to get away."

The attacker ended up stealing

\$25 from the victim.

Williams was arrested, but those

charges were later dropped.

He was out on the streets in time

to be accused of a mid-May attack in

1988.

Choke hold used

building at 217 NW 8th St.

Police have never been able to find the man.

Witnesses were too high on drugs or alcohol to identify him, Watterson said.

Williams is suspected because he lived in the neighborhood at 921 NW Seventh Ave., the sergeant said.

Although an autopsy revealed

bruises around her neck, medical

examiners weren't able to detect

trauma that would lead to Spires

death, Watterson said.

"There's no physical evidence," he said.

Today, Williams will be in court facing charges based on the com-

plaints of two women who told police Williams raped them in much

the same way. He grabbed them from behind, choked them until they were unconscious and raped them in

vacant areas.

Then he threatened to kill them if they told police.

Both identified Williams from photo lineups.

Prosecutor Dennis Siegel said Williams faces life in prison if convicted as charged of sexual battery with great force.

Three days before Williams was arrested and jailed without bail, the

body of Peggy Goodeen, the 17th woman to die mysteriously, was found at 9641 NW 27th Ave.

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Miami homicide Sgt. Thomas Watterson also noted that Williams could not have killed all the women, because he was in jail when some of the 17 died.

Williams was profiled in 1986 in The Herald as a career criminal who knew how to beat the system. Although at that time he had been accused of rape by seven women and had been treated as a "mentally disordered sex offender" for a 1977 conviction, the rest of his cases had ended in acquittals or charges had been dropped or reduced.

"The alleged victims of Charles Henry Williams tell much the same story: The tall, baby-faced man begins with smiles and small talk, then suddenly turns vicious, chokes them and rapes them," according to the profile published Aug. 27, 1986.

"Each time Williams has been arrested," the story continued, "the 30-year-old bus mechanic with a soft voice and gentle manner offers the same explanation he will bring to court today: 'There was no rape. I'm going to beat this.' The day after the article, Williams plea-bargained on a sexual assault case to receive a 364-day jail sentence.

"He's very much a professional," said a Miami police detective who investigated one of the cases never prosecuted said in 1986. "He knows how to manipulate it. He knows what he can say and what he can't

Attacker scared off

A friend of the victim scared the man off. The victim later told police she thinks she would have been killed if her friend had not been there.

Within a few hours, just three blocks away, prostitute Erica Edwards, 24, died — one of the 17 unexplained deaths.

Her body, naked above the waist, was found in a vacant field at Northwest 79th Street and Eighth Court. There were no signs of violence on her body.

Three other women died mysteriously in the area before Williams was arrested Oct. 28.

● Barbara Ann Black, 25, was found Oct. 24 in a front yard at 7310 NW 18th Ave.

● Barbara Lattimore was found at 2700 NW 87th St. Oct. 27.

● Robin Renee Rolle, 29, was discovered in an open field at Northwest 79th Street and 14th Court.

Metro police would not talk about any of these cases.

But Miami's Sgt. Watterson said Williams was a "good suspect" in the death of Anita Spires, who died Jan. 22.

Watterson said Spires' body was found after police raided an abandoned building for gambling and drugs. Spires was found dead five minutes after police noticed she was having sex with a man outside of the

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Sex offenders studied

Police have been scanning records to find convicted sexual offenders who raped in the inner city. Williams fits that description.

A Metro homicide sergeant recently theorized that the women may have suffocated from a penis forced down their mouths.

Forensic dentist Dr. Richard Souviron confirmed he had examined Williams' sexual organs about three weeks ago for bite marks and is trying to determine if there is any evidence that links him to the 17 deaths. Souviron and other medical examiners are also looking for signs of trauma or other traces that could determine if the women were slain.

Williams told Dade Stockade Lt. William Smith last Friday that he had been questioned about the deaths.

"He was worried about getting hurt if other inmates found out about it," Smith said.

The lieutenant said he could not allow a reporter to interview Williams until a public defender is appointed to represent him. The public defender's office said Williams should be assigned an attorney today at the arraignment.

Metro detectives chief John Farrell, who has helped direct the investigation into the 17 women's deaths, was out of town and could not be reached for comment Monday. But he cautioned late last week that investigators were looking at several suspects and that his agency had no major suspect.

Tonya Folsom, a neighbor of Williams, said he grabbed her in a choke hold and dragged her to a bathroom where he cut her throat with a knife.

As in other cases where Williams had been accused of violence against women, he had been friendly, even offering Folsom some crack cocaine, she said in a deposition.

They smoked it in her boyfriend's upstairs apartment while he was at work and her baby was asleep in another room.

Williams left, but returned shortly afterward.

"I was like surprised to see him," Folsom said in the deposition.

"He grabbed me around the neck. From behind. I blanked out. The only thing I remember was I was trying to pull his arms but I couldn't."

The next thing she knew she was on the bathroom floor. "I saw the shadow of the knife," she testified in the deposition. "I remember him hitting me. I felt when he cut my throat. I jumped straight up."

Another man heard the sounds and scared the attacker off. Police later arrested Williams on attempted second-degree murder charges, but those charges were dropped.

So were charges brought against him last October by a woman who said he tried to kill her.

The police report said the victim was walking west on Northwest 80th Street from Seventh Avenue early Oct. 22 when she heard a male voice say, "Hey, lady, come over here."

As she continued to walk, she heard footsteps behind her. When the victim turned around to see who was behind her, the defendant grabbed the victim from behind, placing her in a choke hold, the report said. "The defendant choked the victim until she was unconscious and then dragged her to nearby bushes."

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But the police also acknowledge holes in the cocaine theory. Two victims had no cocaine in their bodies. And with the exception of one, all deaths have all occurred in the same area directly north of midtown. If deaths were indeed linked to sex and crack, why would they be limited to that section?

No Comment on Clues

In interviews some leading medical examiners elsewhere in the country cautioned that while they were not familiar with the specifics of the Miami deaths, they thought Dr. Davis' conclusions were plausible. The examiners said they were not seeing a rash of similar prostitute deaths in their cities and this led them to conclude that the sex-cocaine theory was probably inaccurate.

As for there being virtually no signs of trauma on the victims' bodies, Charles Hirsch, the Chief Medical Examiner of New York City, said: "It is not unusual for there to be no signs. It is perfectly consistent with a sound evaluation of cases like this to consider history and circumstances. Sometimes that's about all you have to go on."

The police would not comment on what physical evidence had been found at the death scenes — whether, for example, they had found hairs from the killer or fingerprints. They have questioned at least two men but have not brought charges.

Meanwhile, police officers have been warning black prostitutes to be wary. They say that, in addition to the deaths, crack use has brought about an overall increase in brutality against prostitutes.

The prostitutes' reaction has been fatalistic.

Chief Farrell said: "They tell us, 'you're not a user; you don't understand the high.' They tell us to leave the alone."



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of the Miami operation. Williams has denied any involvement in the deaths. His lawyer, assistant public defender Steven Polotsky, also said he couldn't talk about the investigation.

Late last month, Dade Medical Examiner Joseph Davis re-examined autopsy reports and photographs of 19 women's bodies and concluded someone had applied pressure to the necks or mouths of many of the victims. He is reclassifying the deaths to homicide — if they hadn't been already.

Police do not believe one of those victims is linked with the 18 others. The September 1986 death of Tamie Turner offers few clues since her body was found decomposed. But investigators said the death scene appears slightly different from the rest. Also, Williams was in jail at the time of her death.

The 18 other victims, all black except for one Hispanic, have been found dead since July 1987, with their skirts pulled up or their pants pulled down. Almost all had their legs spread apart. All were found between downtown Miami and Northwest 102nd Street, except for one found in Hialeah.

Medical examiners still aren't sure exactly how the women died.

The uncertainty has added more agony for many of the victims' families.

The family of Sharmanita Grays had to wait more than a year before Davis reversed an assistant's decision that the teen-ager died from a dose of sex and cocaine.

When Sharmanita was found dead in April 1988, her family told Miami police they suspected murder. A sister, Harriette Grays, said they even had a suspect — Charles Henry Williams.



WAITING FOR ANSWERS: Learlean Rahming, mother of victim Antoinette Burns, can't file an insurance claim without a completed death certificate.

Sharmanita had been with Williams, a neighbor, the night she died at a Biscayne Boulevard motel. Two witnesses, a motel clerk and the 16-year-old's best friend, backed up the family's story.

"The police never did anything. They never came back," Harriette Grays said. "They act like they don't care. They don't tell my mama anything."

Detective Rodriguez said he could not discuss individual cases, but he defended the city investigations as thorough and aggressive.

Harriette said her family saw Williams roam freely throughout the

neighborhood after Sharmanita's death.

"He used to walk around here. I couldn't take it. I just left," she said.

Sharmanita was her favorite sister.

She had been a junior high cheerleader who dropped out of school when she joined in with the wrong bunch of girls, Harriette Grays said.

"She was shaped nice, she jumped the best of the cheerleaders, she was a great dancer. She was a pretty black girl. A lot of people liked her," her sister remembered.

The family of victim Barbara "Rabbit" Lattimore also have suffered from waiting.

They still have not received a completed death certificate, eight months after the 22-year-old woman was found dead at a closed drive-in movie theater at 2700 NW 87th St.

Missing from the form is a cause of death.

An insurance company is refusing to pay a claim until the cause is listed. That may be weeks more, said the victim's mother, Annie.

"The hardest part is trying to catch up on the funeral," she added. "It cost about \$3,000. Last month, we finished paying it off. But that threw us behind in our rent."

She said she also is struggling to

support Lattimore's daughters, ages 3 and 6, on an \$86-a-month welfare check the government provides for the two girls.

A social worker said the grandmother cannot receive more since she is already receiving a check for another daughter's six children.

Annie Lattimore said she relied on her daughter to help cook meals, clean house and tend the children. Even though her daughter was addicted to crack, she managed to be a great help, the mother added.

Now, she said, "it's hard on me."

Like many other parents, she believes her daughter was abducted. She was last seen getting into a car with a man.

Williams pops up in Lattimore's case as well.

He hung out at the same corner crack den where Lattimore went, said her sister Gail Griffin.

The sister, who called herself a friend of Williams, said he came over a couple of times to their home. She said she didn't know if Williams knew her sister.

Meanwhile, the family of the youngest victim, Antoinette Burns, is also waiting to receive a completed death certificate to collect insurance money.

She was last seen alive last Dec. 11 after she hitched a ride with a neighbor to go to the movies. She was let out near the Scott Projects.

The next day, her body was found under a tree 26 blocks north.

"For a while, I was out there investigating myself," said her mother, Learlean Rahming. "I used to go out every morning from my house to Northwest 62nd Street where she disappeared. I tried to find the guy she knew. If anybody had seen her in the area. But nobody knows nothing."

Antoinette was a boy-crazy teenager who was trying to decide what school she wanted to attend, her mother said. Before she returned to her grandmother's Opa-locka home, she had been staying with an aunt in

a small town in Florida. Her family sent her there because she had been running with a bad pack of girls.

From the start, her family suspected foul play.

For weeks, they stubbornly fought off police and medical examiner's theories that Antoinette, along with many other victims, had died from a dose of crack cocaine and sex.

"I kept telling them that my child didn't do drugs," said Rahming. "But no one was listening to me."

"Walking to the bushes to have sex," added Antoinette's grandmother, Thelma Rahming. "Not Antoinette. That sounds kind of strange."

At the funeral, they noticed that her lips were swollen "like somebody had hit her or something," Learlean said.

They also protested that Antoinette wasn't a convicted prostitute like some of the other victims.

Authorities started listening to the family when no cocaine was found in Antoinette.

That was the break some detectives needed to present their own theories that a killer was at work.

"It just didn't feel right," said Wesolowski, a veteran homicide investigator who leads a team of Metro detectives.

All the women's death scenes — many of them including torn clothing and missing shoes — pointed to homicide, he said.

"You get certain vibes when you look at different scenes," he said. "It's like when you're approaching a drug suspect who's wearing designer jeans, a beeper and gold jewelry. You just know."

Last week, both the investigator and Antoinette's mother were interviewed for the nationally syndicated program *A Current Affair*.

Although they've never met, their hopes, to spread throughout the nation in the episode, were the same. They want to end the mystery.

Coroner: Somebody killed 19 women

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On a second look, the Dade Medical Examiner's Office has found a common thread in the mysterious deaths of 19 young Miami women over the past 2½ years — murder.

Medical Examiner Joseph Davis personally examined autopsy reports and photographs of the women's bodies and released a report Tuesday that says someone applied pressure to the necks or mouths of many of the victims.

Examiner: Somebody killed 19 women

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"Applied neck pressure," Davis wrote.

"Four of the nine showed 'mild or moderate pressure to the mouth,'" he reported.

"It is not at all difficult to inflict enough neck pressure to result in helplessness and loss of consciousness within seconds," he wrote. "A weakened or unsuspecting victim may be fatally incapacitated with little or no residual signs of physical injury."

Davis did not return phone calls to his office Tuesday.

John Farrell, chief of detectives for the Metro-Dade Police Department, said his department is keeping "an open mind" about the deaths since no specific cause has been rendered. His department has

always investigated the cases as though they were homicides, he said.

"There's a lot of this we don't understand and we don't have the answers," Farrell said. "Davis is saying, 'It's my feeling this is homicide, and I'm the boss.'

"He's not saying that absolutely,

this is the way these women were killed. He's talking about subtle evidence. . . . Anything is possible, but you're not doing this in some clinical situation where the exact pressure points will be touched. These are live people, streetwise people. We have still not established a very specific manner of death," he said.

Farrell isn't ready to dismiss the theory that a small amount of cocaine combined with sexual stimulation killed some of the women. According to the theory, initially put forth by Deputy Dade Medical Examiner Charles Wetli, the combina-

tion can set off a fatal nervous reaction in run-down people who regularly abuse drugs.

"We certainly don't discount it totally at this point in time when we don't have other than 'subtle evidence' of injuries," Farrell said.

Still, the department continues to look for people with a history of beating up prostitutes or women around crack houses, he said. One of the homicide sergeants leaves today for the FBI Behavioral Profile Bureau in Quantico, Va. The agency keeps a data base and has behavior analysts who might help investigators figure out the type of killer, or killers, they might be looking for.

Investigators have questioned convicted rapist Charles Henry Williams in with the deaths. Williams, held at the Dade County jail on unrelated rape charges, has a history of choking his victims to unconsciousness.

"The important thing is that the general public does not seem to be at risk here," said Farrell. "In most of these cases, it's associated with people in the crack-house environment. It doesn't make the death any less a death. It's important. But we don't want to alarm the public at large."

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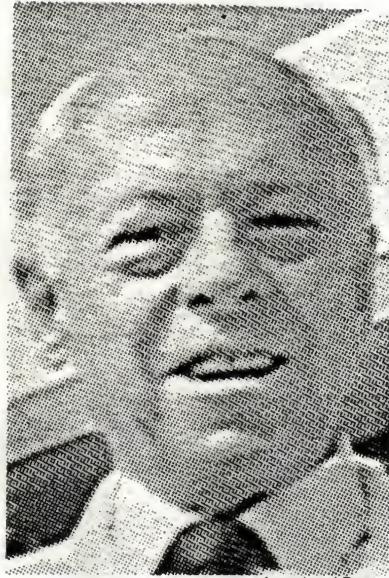
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Police officers say it is difficult to believe that at least some of the victims would not have struggled with the killer. They say serial killers of prostitutes tend to be the most vicious murderers of all, slashing or otherwise mutilating their victims, not leave them unscarred.

The police say they have not abandoned the theory that the women died from the combined stimulation of sex and crack. While they acknowledge that the levels of cocaine found in victims were insufficient for an overdose, they say their experience with crack is that a small amount can induce fatal psychotic fits.

But the police also acknowledged holes in the cocaine theory. Two victims had no cocaine in their bodies. And with the exception of one, the deaths have all occurred in the same area directly north of midtown. If the deaths were indeed linked to sex and crack, why would they be limited to that section?

No Comment on Clues

In interviews some leading medical examiners elsewhere in the country cautioned that while they were not familiar with the specifics of the Miami deaths, they thought Dr. Davis' conclusions were plausible. The examiners said they were not seeing a rash of similar prostitute deaths in their cities and this led them to conclude that the sex-cocaine theory was probably inaccurate.

As for there being virtually no signs of trauma on the victims' bodies, Dr. Charles Hirsch, the Chief Medical Examiner of New York City, said: "It is not unusual for there to be no signs. It is perfectly consistent with a sound evaluation of cases like this to consider history and circumstances. Sometime that's about all you have to go on."

The police would not comment on what physical evidence had been found at the death scenes — whether, for example, they had found hairs from the killer or fingerprints. They have questioned at least two men but have not brought charges.

Meanwhile, police officers have been warning black prostitutes to be wary. They say that, in addition to the deaths, crack use has brought about an overall increase in brutality against prostitutes.

The prostitutes' reaction has been fatalistic.

Chief Farrell said: "They tell us, 'If you're not a user, you don't understand the high.' They tell us to leave them alone."

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Suspect is linked to 19th slaying

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Charles Henry Williams, already the prime suspect in the slayings of 18 inner-city women, has been linked to the murder of another: a 20-year-old who, like three other victims, was seen with him on her last day alive.

Sandra Jackson, only four foot eight and 84 pounds, was alone with six-foot-three Williams, a convicted rapist known for choking his victims, on March 23 after the two had visited with Jackson's cousin. Her body was found the next day in a wooded vacant lot at Northwest 33rd Place and 38th Street.

Williams was one of the last individuals seen with her alive, said

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Convicted rapist linked to 19th slaying

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Tony Rodriguez, Miami homicide detective.

Like many of the 18 other victims, Jackson was found nude and asphyxiated in Northwest Dade, lying on her back with her legs spread.

Homicide detectives believe Williams, a baby-faced former maintenance worker, may be responsible for the 19 slayings — and perhaps more — because the methods of murder are strikingly similar.

"We've never had this many that seemed to fall into a pattern," said Dr. Joseph Davis, Dade's medical examiner.

Williams, 33, has been in the Dade County Jail for the past six months but has not been charged in any of the murders. He was charged with two counts of rape unrelated to the slayings. Metro and Miami homicide detectives say they don't have enough proof — even though he first murder came under investigation more than a year ago.

Williams has admitted to police that he knew some of the victims, but he has steadfastly denied killing anyone.

The slayings stopped once Williams was jailed in early April on the rape charges.

The first of the 19 victims — 18 of them black and one Hispanic — was found dead in July 1987.

Jackson was victim No. 15. The bodies of four other women were found before Williams was arrested in early April. Miami police did not disclose Jackson's connection to Williams and the other homicide victims until detectives recently gave depositions in court.

Jackson, a former cook in a sandwich shop, went by the name Sonia because she hated her given name. "She was my sweet baby," said her boyfriend Kirk Stevens, the father of her 2-year-old son, also named Kirk.

Like many of the other 18 victims, Jackson was a drug addict "doing tricks for crack," her family told investigators.

Just before her murder, she was desperately trying to break her

crack habit, said Vincent Lawrence, a distant relative who unsuccessfully tried to find a rehabilitation program for her. "I couldn't find anything free for her," he said.

On March 24, a man working in his yard found Jackson's strangled body next door in an overgrown lot in the Brownsville neighborhood. A brown coat covered her nude body. Her shoes were found nearby.

In the next 11 days, four more bodies of women were found. Two of them had been badly beaten and strangled, as Jackson was.

On March 26, the body of Angela Williams, 23, was found in an open field at Northwest 21st Avenue and 68th Street. The killer had beaten her face, breaking her jaw and teeth.

A week later, in another vacant lot at Northwest 23rd Avenue and 46th Street, children found the body of Brenda Hernandez, 24, whose chest and neck were battered like Jackson's.

Williams was picked up near the Hernandez murder site by homicide detectives a day after the body was found.

As in Jackson's case, witnesses saw Williams with Hernandez on the last day of her life.

Jailers later found scratches on Williams' back and fresh bite marks on his penis.

Metro homicide detective Joseph McMahon said Williams readily talked to homicide detectives.

Investigators said Williams told them he had been with some of the victims — but they were alive when he left them.

He said people in the neighborhood who say he is the murderer are picking on him. They didn't like him, Williams complained.

From canvassing Brownsville after the murders, police found at least two women who said they had survived attacks by Williams. The investigators and the alleged victims described the attacks in recent depositions.

One, an admitted prostitute, told McMahon that she had been raped and choked to unconsciousness in March by a man known on the streets as "Bumper" or "Bump."

McMahon showed her a Polaroid of Williams.

That's him, she said.

She said she hadn't gone to police sooner because she didn't think officers "give a damn" about street hookers or prostitutes, McMahon said in a deposition.

The second victim said she was raped by Williams in the Brownsville neighborhood on March 18, six days before Jackson's body was found.

"She said at first he had grabbed her in a choke hold, putting his arm around her neck," Miami homicide detective Frank Castillo said in a deposition. "She said that he had her under control. She couldn't get away from him. The harder she would try to push away, the tighter the choke would get around her neck."

The two women pressed rape charges against Williams. He is scheduled to go to trial Nov. 13. But the trial is likely to be postponed for a third time. Prosecutor Dennis Siegel is planning to be out of the state that week to attend a seminar.

Meanwhile, police remain close-mouthed about the homicide investigation.

Williams' defense attorney, Howard Landau, believes homicide in-

vestigators are now conducting genetic DNA tests to see if they can trace back to Williams any body fluids found on the victims. The tests are usually done to connect rapists to their victims, usually through semen.

Despite Landau's objections, the Dade state attorney's office recently obtained a court order to take blood and saliva samples from Williams.

Miami homicide detective Rodriguez wouldn't talk about the genetic tests. "We're following up every avenue that's available to us that can assist us in these investigations," he said.

Rodriguez and John Farrell, Metro chief of detectives, said officers have pursued dozens of leads without the breakthrough they were counting on.

"Unfortunately, we haven't been able to put together anything of significance," Rodriguez said. "It's just a shame. It's a tragedy. I really feel that somebody out there saw or heard something that could help us solve at least one of these cases."

"Serial killers don't stop killing," he said. "They either get arrested, they die or they move somewhere and continue."

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Dead women had links to rapist

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Where Charles Henry Williams went, women died.

Four were killed near his family home in Overtown. A fifth was a neighbor. Four more died in a North Dade prostitution zone where the tall baby-faced 32-year-old used to wander. Two others were found just outside the area. And two were murdered in a Brownsville neighborhood where he used to smoke crack.

Williams tells police it's coincidence.

Homicide detectives think it's a pattern. Police say the convicted rapist is a suspect in these 13 slayings and five others, which date back more than two years. They called a press conference 2½ months ago to announce their suspicion. But they haven't yet charged



Convicted rapist Charles Henry Williams, left, says connections to the dead women are a coincidence. Police see a pattern, but they haven't charged Williams with murder.

Williams with murder.

The killings stopped once Williams was jailed last April on two unrelated rape charges.

"He's the best thing we've got," said Metro homicide Sgt. Frank Wesolowski, who

heads his department's investigation into 11 of the deaths. "He is the No. 1 suspect."

In recent weeks, The Herald has found more links to Williams and the deaths. Court records and interviews with police, witnesses and victims' families show:

■ At least three victims were seen with Williams on the day they died.

■ Two women who pressed the current rape charges against Williams say he tried to choke them to death in Brownsville — the same neighborhood where two victims died, within the same few weeks.

■ Another woman filed attempted-murder charges against Williams for a choking attack just hours after she had introduced him to one of her friends — who later was found murdered.

■ Williams frequented the same places — a crack den, a prostitution zone — that several of the victims did.

Williams is scheduled to go to trial next week on the two rape charges. The trial might

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3 victims were seen with rapist the day they died

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be postponed to give Williams' new court-appointed attorney, Howard Landau, a chance to prepare a defense.

Landau, who helped win an acquittal for Williams in a 1986 rape trial, won't comment on the case or the homicide investigation. Nor will he allow his client to speak to The Herald.

In statements to police, Williams has denied killing the women.

Born in Georgia, he grew up in a neatly kept Overtown townhouse with his mother, brother and sisters.

By 1986, he had been accused of seven rapes — including assaults on two 15-year-old schoolgirls — and was profiled in The Herald as a career criminal who knew how to plea bargain and beat the system.

His accusers describe the same modus operandi: He starts with sweet talk and suddenly turns vicious as he chokes his victims unconscious.

Two years ago when Williams was out of jail, young women started dying mysteriously in his Overtown neighborhood. They were found almost nude, their legs spread and no visible trauma.

Miami cops were puzzled. Initial autopsies turned up a new theory — later debunked by Medical Examiner Joe Davis — that the women died because they combined sex and cocaine once too often.



VICTIM: Brenda Hernandez was seen with Williams the day she was strangled.

They were well-known in the Overtown neighborhood as heavy crack-users.

So was Williams.

"He'd say, 'I've got money. Let's get drugs,'" remembered neighbor Audrey Salles.

One of Williams' teen-age neighbors took him up on the offer in April 1988 — and was found dead hours later, said the victim's best friend, Aida Rodriguez, 17.

She said Williams offered her and 16-year-old Sharmanita Grays "some weed" when they went to the Bay Point Motel, 3530 Biscayne Blvd. Later, Rodriguez left her friend with a heavily perspiring, crack-using Williams who wouldn't let her back into the room.

That's the last time Rodriguez saw Grays alive. Her body was found hours later sprawled, legs apart and nearly nude, on a stairwell at the motel.

Rodriguez told Miami homicide investigators her suspicions. Miami police have since refused to discuss the case.

Since then, two other victims were seen with Williams on their last day.

In October 1988, Williams sought sex from prostitute Erica Edwards on the night she died near the hooker zone on Northwest 79th Street, said witness Beverly Gunder James.

She said Williams, identifying himself as "Tony," approached her on Oct. 22, 1988, at the Tropicana Bar, 1057 NW 79th St.

"He came out of the bushes," James said in a telephone interview. "He asked me where I was going, and I said to the bar. He asked if I 'dated' [slang for hooking], and I said no. He asked if I smoked cocaine and I said no. He asked me if I knew anyone who did.

"I said yes — Erica."

She said she then introduced him

to Edwards.

"I said, 'Erica, this is Tony. He seems like a nice guy. Be nice to him."

The next morning, Edwards' body was discovered in a nearby field. She had been dead for hours.

That same day, James told police, Williams grabbed her from behind and choked her. "He picked me off the ground and put a hook on me and I couldn't spring loose," she said.

"The man was on top of me," she added. "I was on my stomach."

A neighbor saw the attack and scared him off, she said.

Five days later — and after three more women had been found dead in the area — James spotted Williams at a friend's house near the hooker zone.

Metro police arrested him there on attempted second-degree murder charges.

He was released in early December after prosecutors dropped the case. They couldn't find James. She moved to Oklahoma soon after the assault.

Five months later, Williams was seen with victim Brenda Hernandez on the day she was strangled in an open field in Brownsville, police told her mother, Mercedes Hernandez.

The victim had lived just a few blocks from a crack den near J & J Groceries at 2656 NW 46th St. where Williams hung out.

Two other victims, Barbara Ann

Black and Barbara Lattimore, hung out at the same crack den, several witnesses said. "He liked the girls," remembered store owner John Bennett.

Williams was arrested at the crack den when he tried to run from detectives investigating Hernandez's murder.

While canvassing the neighborhood for witnesses, detectives ran into a woman who said Williams had raped her in the same neighborhood two weeks earlier.

She said she was initially fooled by his appearance. "A clean-cut guy," she noted.

She agreed to Williams' offer: \$10, two cocaine rocks and half a pound of marijuana for sex. The next thing she knew, he was choking her and forcing her to have sex.

"The man chokes you like he intends to kill you. It's not a choke where he's playing with you at all. He wants to kill you," she said in a

sworn statement.

"The look on the guy's face — it totally changed from that nice personality, nice gentleman, hard-working gentleman to a damn maniac," she testified.

Metro detectives charged Williams with rape.

Within a week, Miami police followed with another rape charge. A woman from Brownsville accused Williams of choking and raping her in March.

Since early April, Williams has been in jail, lately in solitary.

"He's there for his own protection based on his notoriety," said Dade Jail Lt. Jim Wood.

Williams passes his days watching TV or talking to another prisoner — Charlie Street, accused killer of two Metro officers.

Williams has impressed Lt. Wood with his politeness and quiet demeanor. "He seems calm and placid."